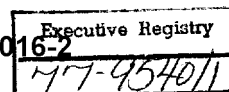




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Honorable Charles B. Rangel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rangel:

Mr. Frank Moore, Assistant to the President for Congressional Liaison, has asked me to respond to your letter of 12 October 1977 concerning allegations of CIA involvement in assisting an Asian opium smuggler in avoiding prosecution.

The Jack Anderson column that appeared in the Washington Post on 3 October, charges that the Agency made misleading or false statements to the Congress at 1975 hearings of the House Government Operations Committee, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights. That Subcommittee was inquiring in general into dealings between the Agency and the Department of Justice on the question of whether and to what extent criminal investigations or prosecutions had been averted or halted due to Agency claims that national security interests might be damaged. An Agency witness appeared during these hearings to testify about one particular case which involved Puttaporn Khamkhruan, a Thai national who had provided narcotics trafficking information to the Agency on a paid basis while in Thailand and who subsequently came to the United States where he was arrested and indicted for Federal narcotics violations. Mr. Anderson wrote about the Khamkhruan case earlier in his column in the Washington Post of 15 November 1976.

The Agency currently is investigating the allegations made by Mr. Anderson in his article of 3 October. As soon as this investigation has been completed and the Director has had an opportunity to review it, I will advise you of the results.

Congress

In the meanwhile, I assure you that this Agency has a deep concern about the illegal entry of drugs into the United States and is fully committed to supporting other Federal agencies to stop such traffic. For further information on our role in this effort, I refer you to the Report to the Congress by the Comptroller General of the United States entitled, "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America," dated 30 May 1975.

Sincerely,

/s/John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director

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Dear Congressman:

The President has asked me to acknowledge his receipt of your October 12 letter regarding allegations that the CIA was involved in a narcotics smuggling case, and to let you know that your request is under consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Moore
Assistant to the President
for Congressional Liaison

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
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The Honorable Jimmy Carter
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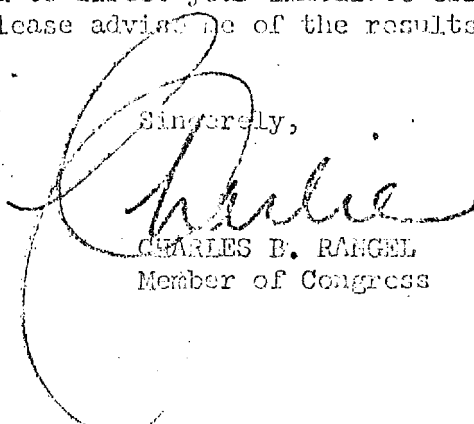
Dear Mr. President:

On Monday, October 3rd, 1977, an article appeared in Jack Anderson's newspaper column alleging possible Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) involvement in assisting an Asian opium smuggler in avoiding prosecution. According to the item, Puttaporn Khrankhruan, a C.I.A. operator, was arrested at New York's Kennedy Airport for trafficking in heroin and due to the efforts of the C.I.A.'s office of General Counsel, Khrankhruan's case was never brought to trial.

Mr. President, if this allegation is true, it is the greatest travesty of justice I have ever heard. The citizens of our communities are plagued by death-bearing drug traffickers and our government helps them in their illegal schemes? How can I, as a member of Congress from the hardest drug abused community in the world, sit by and allow this?

I respectfully request you to direct your immediate efforts to investigate this matter. Please advise me of the results of this investigation.

Sincerely,


CHARLES B. RANGEL
Member of Congress

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